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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES</b><br><b>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)</b><br><b>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>  |  | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br><b>GJ-277J</b>            |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br><b>PCT/GB2004/004011</b>  |  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>21 September 2004</b> |
| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/574049</b>  |  | PRIORITY DATE<br><b>30 September, 2003</b>            |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>A SLING ASSEMBLY FOR SUPPORTING AN ARM OF A USER</b>  |  |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>Cintra Jaggan-Vince</b>  |  |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |  |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C.           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</li> </ol> |  |   |
| <b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information</b>   |  |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol>   |  |   |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.51)   |              | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.   |            | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER |              |
| 10/574049  |              | PCT/GB2004/004011   |            | GJ-277J                  |              |
| 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:   |              |   |            |                          |              |
| The following fees are submitted:  |              |   |            | CALCULATIONS             | PTO USE ONLY |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))   |              |   |            | \$ 300.00                |              |
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| CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA  | RATE       |                          |              |
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| Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>   |              |   | + \$360.00 | \$                       |              |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =  |              |   |            | \$ 900.00                |              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.  |              |   |            | \$ 450.00                |              |
| SUBTOTAL =   |              |   |            | \$ 450.00                |              |
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SUBJECT: A SLING ASSEMBLY FOR SUPPORTING AN  
ARM OF A USER GJ-277J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a patent application for entering U.S. National Stage of processing under 35 USC § 371, including formal papers.

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| Applicant:                    | Cintra Jaggan-Vince                                 |
| International Application No: | PCT/GB2004/004011                                   |
| International Filing Date:    | 21 September 2004                                   |
| Title:                        | A SLING ASSEMBLY FOR SUPPORTING<br>AN ARM OF A USER |

Applicant is a small entity.

Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 USC 119, 120, 363, 365, and 37 CFR 1.55, based on PCT Application No. PCT/GB2004/004011 filed on 21 September 2004 which is based from and claims priority to United Kingdom Patent Application No. 0322909.3 filed on 30 September, 2003.

The following documents are enclosed:

1. Form PTO-1390 (Transmittal Letter);
2. The Published PCT application;
3. The International Search Report;
4. Written Opinion;
5. Declaration of Inventorship;
6. Combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney;
7. A Preliminary Amendment;
8. Information Disclosure Citation.

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, applicant encloses an Information Disclosure Citation citing the nine (9) references listed on the International Search Report. Copies of the references are not enclosed as the references are present in the national stage file.

A check in the amount of \$450.00 for the filing fee is enclosed. The filing fee is for entering the U.S. National Stage of a PCT application where the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was neither ISA nor IPEA, and the International Search Report was prepared by the EPO.

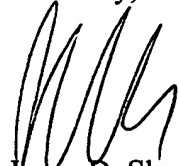
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